

# TAFT HAS LONG AWARD CONTRACT LEAD IN BIG FIGHT

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velt, Are 189.**

## HARD FIGHT AHEAD

**Roosevelt Must Carry  
Every Big Delegation  
for Chance.**

President Taft, or any other candidate, requires 540 delegates in the coming national convention to secure nomination. To date, according to the best figures available, the President has pledged to his support 368 delegates; Colonel Roosevelt has 189; Senator Sumner has four and Senator La Follette has thirty-five.

Thirty-one States, Territories and insular possessions and the District of Columbia have been heard from, or districts in them, concerning their choice for the Republican candidate for the presidency; twenty-one are yet to hear from. The twenty-one districts forming the battleground for the coming six weeks and the remaining districts in States where only partial primaries have been held, have 483 delegates to choose and include such important States as Ohio, with forty-eight convention votes; California, with twenty-six; Massachusetts, with thirty-six; Missouri, with thirty-six, and Texas with forty.

Of the 483 delegates yet to be chosen President Taft must get 151 to have a majority over all others, while Colonel Roosevelt must secure 351, or nearly twice as many more than he already has. It is conceded that the President will carry the conventions in Arkansas, Maryland, North Carolina and West Virginia, giving him a total to count upon from these States of seventy-four and leaving the number he has to fight for in the Northern and Western States to fewer than eighty.

### La Follette's Bunch.

Senator La Follette will undoubtedly secure some of the California delegates and will cut into Roosevelt's strength in the other western States. It is inconceivable now that the Wisconsinite will have any prospect for the nomination, and his delegations will be swung either to Taft or to Roosevelt after the first ballot, if there be any necessity for more than one. At the present time it seems probable that La Follette will support Taft rather than Roosevelt, and in any case contest the majority of whatever La Follette may secure in the way of delegates can be added to the Taft lists. To win over the President, therefore, Roosevelt will have to carry almost without a break the States of Iowa, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ohio, Kansas, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Texas, New Jersey South Dakota and Montana and Porto Rico.

### How They Stand Today.

State	Taft	Roosevelt	Cummins	La Follette
Alabama	22	..	..	..
Colorado	8	..	..	..
Florida	12	..	..	..
Georgia	24	..	..	..
Indiana	18	8	..	..
Iowa	8	..	4	..
Maine	..	2	..	..
Louisiana	6	..	..	..
Mississippi	20	..	..	..
Missouri	4	32	..	..
New Mexico	6	..	..	..
New York	83	7	..	..
North Dakota	..	..	10	..
Oklahoma	..	16	..	..
South Carolina	14	..	..	..
Tennessee	14	..	..	..
Vermont	2	..	..	..
Virginia	24	..	..	..
Wisconsin	..	..	26	..
District of Columbia	2	..	..	..
Philippines	..	..	..	..
Alaska	2	..	..	..
Illinois	10	48	..	..
Hawaii	6	..	..	..
Maine	..	12	..	..
Kentucky	23	3	..	..
Michigan	30	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	8	64	..	..
Connecticut	14	..	..	..
Nebraska	..	16	..	..
Oregon	3	7	..	..
<b>Totals</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>

Total number of delegates in Republican convention, 1078; needed to nominate, 540.

### Conventions and Primaries.

The following conventions and primaries will be held this month:  
23—Sixth Missouri.  
23—Twelfth Indiana.  
24—Iowa, State; Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh Iowa; Rhode Island State and districts.  
25—Missouri State.  
29—Porto Rico territorial convention.  
30—Massachusetts primaries.  
In May conventions and primaries will be held:  
1—Pennsylvania State.  
4—Fourth Tennessee; South Carolina State (Lily White).  
8—Eighth Kansas.  
9—Maryland State.  
11—Ninth Alabama.  
13—Wyoming State.

## HUNDRED FEET CHOPPED OFF END TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF SOME BRANCHES

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)  
Contracts yesterday morning were signed by Superintendent Campbell of the department of public works for the construction of the Alewa Heights road, Gomes & Comany being the contractors. The price set is \$3.61 per foot, which permits all except about one hundred feet of the proposed road to be completed.

This hundred feet was taken off the total of 1500, provided for by the original plans in order to permit the construction of some of the branch roads that otherwise would have had to be sacrificed. The action was taken after a consultation between Governor Frear and Superintendent Campbell. The total price of the road upon completion will run between \$5000 and \$6000.

## DEATH STALKS IN TORNADO'S WAKE

**KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA SWEEP  
BY HURRICANES—MANY  
KILLED AND INJURED.**

BISON, Kansas, April 21.—The village of Bison was completely demolished by a tornado yesterday, six being the known death toll to date, and fifteen injured. Reports continue to pour in from the surrounding country of wrecked farmhouses, and the dead and injured list may reach much larger proportions. The path of the tornado was a wide one and the storm was felt in varying degrees over a section hundreds of miles long.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 21.—Six were killed in a tornado which swept over this city yesterday, and a score or more injured. The property damage throughout the tornado-swept district is great.

## BLIND GIRL BEATS OFF HER COWARDLY ASSAILANT ALONE

Omachi Suehiro is the blind daughter of a Japanese mill worker on the Kealia plantation, Kauai, seventeen, pretty and, in spite of her affliction, well able to take care of herself. A little more than a week ago she was the victim of a cowardly attack by a certain Korean gambler and general ne'er-do-well, known as Pok Chan Oik, and who is now known over for investigation by the grand jury.  
While Omachi was working in the washhouse adjacent to the Japanese quarters, Tuesday, April 9, the Korean crept up behind her and seized her around the waist. The girl, handicapped by her blindness, struggled violently to free herself and, in spite of the assailant's threat that he would kill her with a knife if she opposed him, she overpowered him for a moment, broke away and fled to the house. There he overtook her and forced her into a room. Again she escaped him and by virtue of her familiarity with the room fled to the lanai and took refuge with her dog who was chained up in the yard. A Portuguese boy, who was climbing in a mango tree, heard the girl's cries and ran into the yard, whereupon the cowardly Korean fled.  
The news spread rapidly and that same night the Koreans of the settlement, as much aroused by the outrage as the rest of the community, informed the police that a man who answered the description of the blind girl's assailant was hiding in their settlement and was packing his belongings. He was captured without difficulty, given a hearing the following day before Judge Pauki and bound over for further investigation by the grand jury.

### IMMIGRATION BILL HAS EDUCATIONAL BARRIER

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Through an error the senate has passed the new immigration bill without excepting Hawaii from the educational or "literacy test." Under the terms of this test immigrants are required to be able to read and write. The house will incorporate the exception as carried in the Dillingham measure.

### BEST TREATMENT FOR WHOOPING COUGH.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

14—Tennessee State.  
15—North Carolina State; Washington State; First West Virginia.  
16—West Virginia primaries; Idaho State; Montana State.  
17—Seventh Kansas.  
21—Ohio district primaries.  
22—California primaries.  
23—New Jersey primaries State and district; Texas State.  
On June 4 the South Dakota primary will be held.

## IN MEMORIAM



HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

## INTERPRETER FOR RUSSIANS FAILS TO TALK LANGUAGE

**Thirty-Six Cossack Immigrants Held a Month,  
Because No One Could Understand Their  
Complaints—Costly Mistake.**

Thirty-six Russians sat, impatient for a month or more because a man who thought he could talk Russian and whom the immigration authorities believed could talk Russian was not fitted to act as interpreter. During that time the local representatives of the federal government were paying the expenses of these thirty-six people at the immigration station, paying the salaries of several men to deal with them and cabling to Washington in their dilemma. This is the story which the immigrants told yesterday through an interpreter who could speak their language and understand their complaints.

There is a certain limit to even Russian patience and there are certain features of western immigration methods which do not appeal strongly to the little colony of newcomers from Siberia who were recently released from the federal immigration station. These people have decided that so far as expressing indignation, wrath and sorrow in Honolulu is concerned Russian is about as useful as Hittite. The story they tell of their trials in making themselves understood, in telling how they came here and why they came, explains their exasperation.

It seems that the man who was assigned the work of interpreting the fluent Russian of these Cossacks, who had already suffered much en route, was a Pole who had understood Russian at some remote period, who believed that he still had a grip on the intricacies of the sister language and who decided to have a shot at it anyway. Of course the immigration people did not know whether he was talking Polish, Slavok, Lithuanian, Russian or Servian. It all sounds alike and it all sounds equally bad, but the poor Russians soon learned that whatever he was talking it was not Russian. In some fashion they understood his questions, but they soon saw that he did not understand their answers. This brave boy went through with it just the same and said the things that sounded likely and fitting.

### Sad Misunderstanding.

It was believed that the thirty-six people who came over here on the N. C. after skipping out of Russia without bidding an official farewell, were assisted or contract laborers and while they were being investigated the whole party just had to sit about and wonder what it was all about, for it was not until yesterday that they understood why they had been held and what was wanted of them. The so-called interpreter had never been able to tell them and they are by no means a stupid party. Now that they are in the territorial hands and have had an opportunity to hear and speak their own language their trouble are evaporating and the whole party will be off to Maui or Hawaii within a week.

According to their account of their journey and the trials en voyage, the whole party had to leave the Czar's empire without passports, because no more are being issued, and every man woman and child of them is liable to five years imprisonment if they return. One had was a soldier and deserted to join the party, several of the boys are liable for military service and would be dealt with in summary fashion if they returned. They are all just a trifle nervous about their status here and are not quite sure that the big paw of the Russian bear cannot reach them in Hawaii.

### Looted as Well.

Arrangements were made to bring

## TO PROVIDE FOR TOURISTS' SAFETY

**MERCHANTS TO TAKE UP MATTER  
OF BOATS AND STEAMERS  
TOUCHING HERE.**

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)  
The merchants' association will take up with the local steamship agencies the matter of boats on the vessels of the different lines which call at Honolulu. President Gignoux had a conference with several members of the association yesterday concerning the matter, and it was decided that the organization had a right to make such inquiries. Letters will be addressed to the various companies, and will form the basis of a discussion at a future meeting of the association.

"In the first place," said President Gignoux yesterday, "I believe it is fully within our province to make an investigation of this subject, as a matter of community interest. In the second place, the merchants' association is one of the parents of the promotion committee engaged in a campaign to bring tourists here by the thousands and the more thousands it gets the more we appreciate its efforts. That being the case the association is interested in knowing whether there is sufficient accommodation and boats to take off all passengers and crew in case of disaster."

### Hawaiian Boatmen Best.

"As far as I have been able to learn the Inter-Island company is well equipped with boats and above all has the most expert men in the world to handle them. The Hawaiians cannot be excelled in the handling of ship's boats, particularly in bringing them through the surf as they are required to do in so many parts of the Islands." President Gignoux refers also to the fact that the United States government appears to be one of the most flagrant violators of its own rules.

"If a disaster should overtake one of our transports at sea hundreds of men, women and children would lose their lives. The transports are poorly equipped as to boats. They carry about 1600 people at times, and the boats are not sufficient to carry a fourth of that number. The government does not set a very good example."

## GREAT GATE FOR NAVY DRYDOCK ON WAY TO HONOLULU

In tow of the tug Hercules the great gate for the Pearl Harbor drydock left San Francisco yesterday for Honolulu, says a cable dispatch. The gate was constructed by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco and is the largest structure of the kind ever built on the Pacific Coast. The cost of bringing it here will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

The tug will take the caisson directly into Pearl Harbor, where it will be held until the dock work is completed by the San Francisco Bridge Company. The trip may take about ten, or possibly, twelve days.  
The gate was contracted for delivery this spring, it being planned to have it ready several months in advance of the completion of the last section of the dock. Owing to the many difficulties encountered by the engineers in holding the bottom of the excavation down, and the possibility that there will be an unusual delay because of the discovery of springs at the bottom, the gate may not be used for a year and a half.

The caisson is 125 feet 4 1/2 inches in length, 43 feet 6 inches in height, and will have a width of fifteen feet on the upper deck and twenty feet at the stringers. The contract price was \$147,000 with delivery at Pearl Harbor, so that the cost of transportation falls to the Union Iron Works.  
The big gate is equipped with ten thirty-inch valves and two twenty-inch valves. Each valve will be operated by an independent electric motor. The valves are to be used for filling the dock. Under ordinary circumstances only a few of them will be used at one time. In case of emergency, where it is desired to fill the dock rapidly, all the valves can be operated at the same time.

The caisson that serves as gate for the big drydock at Hunter's Point is equipped with five twenty-inch valves.

## POLICE THREATEN CLOSE CHINATOWN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Following another outbreak, the San Francisco police yesterday sent warning to Chinatown that if the Tong war is not stopped at once Chinatown will be closed definitely. The warning had the desired effect and the Tong fight was called off, the leaders giving their word that they would be responsible for any further trouble.

### IN FAR EAST.

MANILA TIMES, March 18.—Corra A. Thompson, a stenographer from Honolulu, came to Manila yesterday on the Nikko Maru.

Miss Eliot Berry, professional nurse, from Honolulu, arrived yesterday on the Nikko Maru.

A hailstorm at Langtry, Texas, on April 8, killed fifty grown Asgora goats and over three hundred kids on one ranch. The hail was the heaviest in years.

## MORE LIFEBOATS ARE ORDERED BY ISMAY

**All White Star Liners to  
Be More Completely  
Equipped.**

## INQUIRY AT CAPITAL

**The Senate Declares for  
New Maritime  
Treaties.**

WASHINGTON, April 21.—J. Bruce Ismay, chairman of the White Star Line, has issued orders for lifeboat equipment sufficient to accommodate the full capacity of passengers and crews on all White Star steamers.

In making this order Ismay called attention to the fact that White Star boats now carry the number of lifeboats required by law, but he declared that complete equipment will be carried hereafter regardless of law.

The action of the White Star chairman is entirely in accord with public sentiment, which demanded no less than this in view of the Titanic horror. Other steamship lines may find it expedient to follow the White Star company's lead.

The Titanic inquiry has been transferred to Washington, where there can be no question of federal jurisdiction. The attitude of resistance assumed by Ismay made this course seem advisable.

It has been learned that the government intercepted a wireless message from Ismay to the Cedric, instructing that vessel to take him and the crew aboard and return to England to avoid an investigation.

On this account an additional subpoena was served on Ismay. He protested that it was "brutally unfair."

The senate yesterday adopted a resolution advising President Taft that it would favor new treaties regulating ocean lines and the equipment of ocean liners.

### First Aid Refused.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Harold Bride, assistant wireless operator on board the ill-fated Titanic, declared today in testifying before the senate investigating committee that the North German Lloyd liner Frankfurt was twenty miles nearer the scene of the Titanic disaster than the Carpathia, but that the Frankfurt was told by wireless to keep out, as it was feared she could not understand and a blunder might be made.

He further testified that the wireless men had received warnings of icebergs from other vessels, and that these warnings had been transmitted to the captain.

### Relief Fund Started.

LONDON, April 20.—A relief fund of \$400,000 for those made destitute by the Titanic wreck and the sufferers from the disaster is being raised.

## NEBRASKA IS STRONG FOR COL. ROOSEVELT

OMAHA, Nebraska, April 21.—Nebraska has gone overwhelmingly in favor of Roosevelt in the presidential preference primaries.

On the Democratic side of the house Clark and Harmon are leading Wilson slightly.

### It's Roosevelt in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 20.—Colonel Roosevelt has won in the primaries throughout two-thirds of the counties of this State. La Follette is second, carrying Multnomah county, in which is situated Portland, the principal city of the State. Taft wins ten out of thirty-four.

### Selling Leads Bourne.

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 20.—Ben Selling is leading Jonathan Bourne, Jr., for United States Senator from Oregon.

## WARSHIPS MAY RESCUE AMERICANS IN SINALOA

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Taft probably will send warships to rescue Americans in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, whose lives are endangered by the Mexican rebels in whose hands the entire state lies.

### WIDESPREAD SLAUGHTER IN CHINESE TONG WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Two tong men have been mortally wounded in the tong war that is again upheaving the Chinese colonies of the Coast. At Stockton two were killed and at Fresno one.

### MAJOR CHEATHAM COMING.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Major Frank B. Cheatham, army engineer, left today for Hawaii where he will take charge of the Schofield Barracks construction work.